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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 16, 2002, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on March 19, 1999 with claims 1-26. Claims 1, 12, 25 and 26 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by WO 97/02670 (hereinafter "Kasslin").

In this response, Applicants respectfully traverse the §102(a) rejection, and request reconsideration of the present application.

Applicants initially note that MPEP §2131 specifies that a given claim is anticipated "only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described,